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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY
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Re Section V.

1 The present opinion makes reference to the following document[s]:

D1: DE19919451 A1 (DaimlerChrysler AG) 05/31/2000

D2: U.S. 3,886,745 A (Kaida et al.) 06/03/1975

D3: DE1960110 A1 (ITT Automotive Europe GmbH) 07/17/1997

2 INDEPENDENT CLAIM 1

The present patent application does not satisfy the requirements of Article 33(1) PCT, because the subject matter of Claim 1 is not novel within the meaning of Article 33(2) PCT.

Document D1 discloses (see column 1, lines 26-29, 65 - column 2, line 2 - column 3, line 8):

A device (Figure 1) for initiating and implementing a sudden vehicle deceleration, especially for emergency braking situations, the deceleration being initiated by the explosion of at least one explosive charge (110) that acts on at least one component (20, 90, tandem master cylinder) of the deceleration devices.

D2 and D3 are also prejudicial as to novelty for Claim 1.

3 DEPENDENT CLAIMS

3.1 See further in D1,

The dependent Claims 2, 7, 8, 10 and 11 do not appear to include any additional features that, in combination with the features of any claim to which they relate, satisfy the requirements of the PCT with regard to novelty.

3.2 Document, D2 discloses (see column 4, lines 5-15, 51 - column 5, line 12; column 6, lines 8-25, Figure 1, 3): An energy-storing apparatus having a valve. The dependent Claims 3-6 do not appear to include any additional features that, in combination with the features of any claim to which they relate, satisfy the requirements of the PCT with regard to inventive step.

3.3 See document D3 (see column 2, line 67-column 3, line 24); Dependent Claim 12 does not appear to include any additional features that, in combination with the features of any claim to which it relates, satisfy the requirements of the PCT with regard to inventive step.

4. The combination of features contained in dependent Claims 9 and 13 is neither known from the present related art, nor is it suggested by it, and therefore appears to be novel and inventive.